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1. Stronger SC action on Palestine held possibly necessary—The US Delegation to the UN believes that the Security Council's latest Palestine cease—fire resolution "can only be described as a holding action." The delegation feels that if the resolution is not sufficient to stop the fighting, to restore the "previous situation" in the Negeb, and to prevent the outbreak of hostilities elsewhere, the Security Council should give immediate consideration to further action under Chapter VII of the UN Charter. (Chapter VII authorizes the use of sanctions against an offerding party.)

EUROPE

2. GERMANY: USSN tightens blockade of Berlin--US Acting Political Adviser Riddleberger considers the significance of the new Soviet measures restricting the shipment of food from the Soviet Zone into western Berlin to be that they: (a) impose a tighter stranglehold on the Berlin western sectors; (b) indicate the use of increasing numbers of police in the immediate vicinity of Berlin; and (c) suggest a close collaboration between the Soviet zonal and sector police. Riddleberger reports the view of US officials that a merger of these police forces may take place soon.

(CIA Comment: CIA believes that the police of the Soviet sector in Berlin have already been subordinated to the Soviet Zone Administration of Interior to such a degree that a formal merger of the sector and zonal police will necessitate only slight administrative changes and shifts in personnel. The sector police will continue to be under the joint control of the Soviet Berlin Kommandatura and the Zonal Interior Administration.)

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